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### **REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5, 11-12 and 14, objected to claims 4, 9 and 15, and allowed claims 6, 7, 10, 16-20 and 24-50. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's statement regarding allowance of claims 6, 7, 10, 16-20 and 24-50. By the present amendment, claims 4, 11-12 and 14 have been cancelled, and claims 1, 9 and 15 have been amended. After the present amendment, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-10, 15-20 and 24-50 are pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests an early notice of allowance for claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-10, 15-20 and 24-50 for the reasons stated below.

#### **A. Objection to Claims 9 and 15**

The Examiner has objected to claim 9, because claim 9 depends from cancelled claim 8. By the present amendment, claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 6. Further, the Examiner has objected to claim 15 for reciting "said diagnostic/maintenance information." By the present amendment, claim 15 has been amended to replace "said diagnostic/maintenance information" with --said diagnostic information--. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objection to claims 9 and 15 have been overcome.

#### **B. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 3 and 5 Under 35 USC §103(a)**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 3 and 5 under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Zahavi (USPN 6,886,020) (hereinafter "Zahavi") in view of Bhatia (USPN 6,052,803) (hereinafter "Bhatia").

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Applicant respectfully disagrees; however, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, applicant has amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claim 4. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as amended, and its dependent claims 2-3 and 5 are now in condition for allowance, based on the Examiner's statement that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

**C. Rejection of Claims 11, 12 and 14 Under 35 USC §103(a)**

The Examiner has rejected claims 11, 12 and 14 under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Mori (USPN 5,339,355) (hereinafter "Mori") in view of Butts (USPN 6,233,543) (hereinafter "Butts").

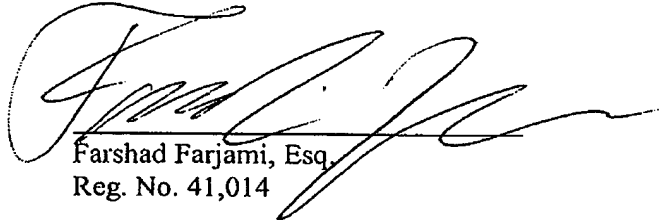
Applicant respectfully disagrees; however, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, applicant has cancelled claims 11, 12 and 14. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection of claims 11, 12 and 14 has been rendered moot.

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**D. Conclusion**

For all the foregoing reasons, an early notice of allowance for claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-10, 15-20 and 24-50 pending in the present application is respectfully requested.

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